

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A baseball type cap for tightly encircling the hair of a person, said cap comprised of a flexible material and having a front portion comprising a visor extending outwardly from the front portion of the cap, said cap further having a pair of flaps extending rearwardly from the visor, said flaps each having inner edges and lower edges, said lower edges having elongated securing means located and extending substantially along said lower edges of said flaps, said elongated securing means adapted to join said elongated lower edges together to cause the inner edge of one of said flaps to substantially overlap the inner edge of the other of said flaps to and form the cap having a crown portion and to form ~~forming~~ a small opening proximate the crown portion configured to tightly encircle the hair of a person passing through the small opening.

2. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 1 wherein the flaps are generally triangular in shape.

3. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 1 wherein the lower edges are adapted to be secured together to form a contiguous elongated junction.

4. (original) baseball type cap as defined in claim 1 wherein said securing means comprises hook and loop fasteners.

5. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 4 wherein said hook and loop fasteners extend at least substantially along the entire length of the lower edges of said flaps.

6. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 1 wherein the small opening is a tear drop shaped opening located proximate the crown portion of the cap and the size of the tear drop shaped opening is determined by the amount of overlapping of the flaps.

7. (currently amended) A method of affixing a baseball type cap to a person, said method comprising the steps of;

providing a cap having a front portion forming a visor and having a pair of flaps having elongated inner edges extending from the front portion and having lower edges, the lower edges having an elongated securing means located and extending substantially along the lower edges thereof,

placing the cap on the head of a person,

arranging a portion of the hair of a person into an upward configuration,

securing only the lower edges of the flaps together to substantially overlap said flaps to form a crown portion in the cap and to form with an opening therein while positioning the portion of the hair to extend outwardly through the opening.

8. (original) A method of affixing a baseball type cap to a person as defined in claim 7 wherein the step of providing a cap comprises providing a cap having an elongated securing means along the lower edges comprises providing a cap having a hook and loop fastening system.

9. (original) A method of affixing a baseball type cap to a person as defined in claim 8 wherein the step of providing a cap comprises providing a cap having a hook and loop fastening system located substantially all along the entire lower edges of the flaps.

10. (original) A method of affixing a baseball type cap to a person as defined in claim 7 wherein the step of securing the elongated inner ends together comprises forming a crown portion having a tear drop shaped opening therebetween.

11. (original) A method of affixing a baseball type cap to a person as defined in claim 7 where the step of providing a cap comprises providing a cap having a pair of substantially triangular flaps.

12. (original) A method of affixing a baseball type cap to a person as defined in claim 7 wherein the step of securing the lower edges of the flaps together

comprises securing the lower edges in an elongated junction that extends along the entire length of the lower edges of said flaps.

13. (currently amended) A baseball type cap, said cap comprising a flexible material having a front portion forming a visor and having a pair of rearwardly extending flaps, each of the flaps having elongated inner edges and lower edges, a an elongated securing means located substantially along the length of at least one of said lower edges, said securing means detachably affixing the lower edges of the flaps to form a contiguous lower edge and to form a crown portion of the cap and to form, said crown portion having an opening therein at or proximate to the crown portion, said opening configured to tightly encircle a portion of a person's hair passing through the opening.

14. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 13 wherein the rearwardly extending flaps are substantially triangular in shape.

15. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 13 wherein said lower edges are joined together to cause one of said flaps to substantially overlap the other of said flaps.

16. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 13 wherein said securing means is a hook and loop fastening system.

17. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 16 wherein said hook and loop fastening system extends substantially entirely along the length of the lower edges of said flaps.

18. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 13 wherein said opening is a tear drop shaped opening.

19. (original) A baseball type cap as defined in claim 18 wherein said tear drop shaped opening has a narrow portion extending rearwardly and its wider portion located toward the apex of the crown portion.